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FRONT (RPF) GUERRILLA MOVEMENT MARK THE FIRST STEP TOWARD RESOLVING
A NEARLY TWO-YEAR-OLD CIVIL WAR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE COALITION GOVERNMENT FORMED IN APRIL HAS TRIED TO END THE
FIGHTING BY OPENING DIRECT TALKS WITH THE RPF AND BY EASING TENSIONS
WITH UGANDA, WHICH KIGALI ACCUSED OF HARBORING THE REBELS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HUTU HARDLINERS OPPOSING ANY
CONCESSIONS ORGANIZED VIOLENT POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN KIGALI
LAST WEEK, WHILE THIS WEEK SOME MILITARY UNITS, FEARING
DEMOBILIZATION IF A PEACE ACCORD IS SIGNED, LOOTED SEVERAL TOWNS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COMMENT: BOTH KIGALI AND THE RPF PROBABLY HOPE THAT FRENCH AND
PERHAPS US PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS WILL LEGITIMIZE THEIR DEMANDS.
BOTH SIDES ARE LIKELY TO AGREE ON A CEASE-FIRE AND SOME ARRANGEMENT
FOR TUTSI REFUGEES, BUT IF THE RPF INSISTS ON POWER SHARING OR
DEMANDS THE OUSTER OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA THE TALKS ALMOST
CERTAINLY WILL COLLAPSE. [REDACTED]

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RWANDA RPF DEMANDS

ABOUT 3,000 RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) GUERRILLAS INVADED
RWANDA FROM UGANDA IN OCTOBER 1990 HOPING TO OVERTHROW PRESIDENT
HABYARIMANA'S REGIME AND INITIATE TUTSI-LED POLITICAL REFORMS FOR A
POPULATION THAT IS NEARLY 90-PERCENT HUTU. AFTER IT FAILED TO SEIZE
THE CAPITAL, THE RPF SHIFTED TO GUERRILLA-STYLE TACTICS. ATTACKS,
WHICH INCREASINGLY INCLUDED CIVILIAN TARGETS, HAVE GIVEN THE RPF
CONTROL OVER A CORRIDOR ALONG THE RWANDA-UGANDA BORDER. THE RPF IS
SEEKING PARTICIPATION IN A NEW TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, INTEGRATION
INTO THE RWANDAN ARMY, THE UNCONDITIONAL RETURN OF ALL RWANDAN TUTSI
REFUGEES, AND A NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO DETERMINE FUTURE MULTIPARTY
ELECTIONS AND ESTABLISH NEW POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS. [REDACTED]

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